

**San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Copermittees  
Management Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

Thursday, November 18, 2004

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City of Santee – 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Building 7

Copermittee  
Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer	City of Oceanside – Linda Isakson
City of Chula Vista – Khosro Aminpour	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
City of Coronado – Cecilia Lyon	City of San Diego – Drew Kleis
City of Del Mar – Diane Catalano	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel	City of Santee – Erik Steenblock
City of Encinitas – Kathy Weldon	City of Solana Beach – Danny King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Meleah Ashford
City of Imperial Beach – Maria Garcia	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
City of La Mesa – Malik Tamini	Port of San Diego – Karen Helyer
City of Lemon Grove – Not Represented	SD County Airport Authority – Mayela Gillan
City of National City – Arsalan Dadkah	

Other Participants:

Phil Hammer – San Diego RWQCB	John Quenzer – DMAX
Todd Snyder – County of San Diego	Kirk Ammerman – City of Chula Vista
Jamie Alderhold – J2A Environmental	Marsha Cook – County of San Diego
Judith Bumann – Invisible Structures, Inc.	Bill Feldman
Joe DeStefano – County of San Diego	Greg Kent – BioClean Environmental
Liz Giffen – County of San Diego	Michael Kimberlain – Hancor
Art Barnett – MEC / Weston	Steve Maurer – City of La Mesa
Roger Morrison – City of Poway	Robin Miller – City of Poway
Mikhail Ogawa – Mikhail Ogawa Engineering	Kelly Moewe – Port of San Diego
Kelly Barker - County of San Diego	Kristina Schneider – Brown & Caldwell
Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego	Shelby Tucker – SANDAG
Michelle White – Port of San Diego	Ralph Vazquez – EBS Environmental
Craig Beatty – Kristar	Amy Hamilton – MEC / Weston
Robert Stone – Quantum Ozone	

## **I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements**

All Copermittee representatives introduced themselves and some also provided brief program updates. Many jurisdictions reported having begun work on the JURMP and WURMP Annual Reports that are due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on January 31, 2005. The Port District and the Cities of Coronado and Solana Beach noted recent audits of their programs by the RWQCB and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Members of the audience then introduced themselves. Art Barnett, MEC/Weston, distributed a hard copy of the FY 2003-04 draft receiving waters monitoring report to each Copermittee. He encouraged Copermittees to, at a minimum, review the introductory section, the cross-watershed assessment, the watershed section(s) corresponding to their jurisdictions, and the executive summary.

## **II. Administrative Issues**

Committee Chair Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided an update on administrative issues.

### Consultant Presentations

Copermittees discussed consultant presentations and their role in future Management Committee meetings. Most Copermittees feel that such presentations should be limited for the following reasons: 1) often they are no more than "sales pitches", 2) Copermittees are regularly exposed to consultant products and services through other venues, and 3) Management Committee meetings are usually attended by administrative staff, not necessarily an appropriate audience to evaluate vendor products. Judith Bumann, Invisible Structures, encouraged Copermittees to learn more about available "green" technologies. She argued that consultant presentations would expose Copermittees to innovative ways of complying with regulatory mandates. Other Copermittees expressed interest in hearing more presentations from city staff regarding successful programs and projects. Mr. Van Rhyn wrapped up the discussion by noting that proposals for consultant presentations would continue to be considered. However, he encouraged vendors to keep their proposals as general and collaborative (i.e. joint presentations by multiple consultants) as possible. The County will continue to screen proposals and provide them to the Management Committee for further direction.

### Recent RWQCB Correspondence

It was noted that responses to RWQCB comments on the January 2004 WURMP Annual Reports would be discussed at the WURMP Workgroup meeting later in the afternoon, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The RWQCB recently mailed a directive regarding channel maintenance activities to all Copermittees. The City of Poway has organized a meeting for December 7, 2004 that will bring together local managers overseeing channel maintenance activity to discuss whether a regional response is desirable. Copermittees should contact Robin Miller, City of Poway, to coordinate (rmiller@ci.poway.ca.us).

The RWQCB issued a letter on October 29, 2004 addressing municipal permit re-issuance and instruction on completing the re-application document (Report of Waste Discharge).

### Submittal of JURMP Annual Reports

Copermittees should submit their JURMP Annual Reports to the County at the next Copermittee Management Committee meeting on January 20, 2004. Submittals should consist of two bound hard copies and three electronic copies on CD-ROM. Jurisdictions unable to meet this deadline should contact Todd Snyder, County of San Diego.

### **III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update**

Phil Hammer, RWQCB, updated Copermittees on recent and upcoming activities.

- ❖ The RWQCB, in conjunction with EPA, has conducted three more compliance evaluations (audits) of Copermittee programs. To date, 19 of the 21 Copermittees have been audited. The City of Del Mar will be audited in December, and it is likely that the Regional Airport Authority will not be audited during this permit cycle.
- ❖ RWQCB staff will meet with the Copermittees' RWQCB Liaison Workgroup on December 10, 2004. This will be the second meeting to discuss permit re-issuance and the Report of Waste Discharge. The December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on WURMP issues.

### **IV. Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grants \* APPROVED \***

Jon Van Rhyn provided an overview of ongoing efforts by the County, the County Water Authority and the City of San Diego Water Department to begin the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the region. Under Proposition 50, Chapter 8, agencies and non-profit organizations may apply for up to \$50 million in grant funding for local implementation projects over the next two years. To qualify for project funding, an IRWM Plan must be developed and adopted for the region by January 2007. The purpose of this plan, which must be jointly developed and adopted by at least three agencies, is two-fold. First, it will provide an umbrella over, and help to define relationships between, several types of ongoing planning efforts (water supply, stormwater and water quality, watershed management, etc.). Second, it will provide a mechanism for identifying and funding priority implementation projects on a regional scale. The resulting project list is expected to be key to competing for state grant funding not only during this effort, but for future programs as well.

Copermittees voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

- ❖ Authorize the County to represent the Stormwater Copermittees' Management Committee in the collaborative development of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan with the County Water Authority and the City of San Diego.

Approval of this recommendation results in no new costs or regulatory obligations to Copermittees. It will, however, ensure that Copermittees are able to submit proposals for implementation projects that are consistent with the objectives of the IRWM Plan and applicable SWRCB/DWR guidelines.

### **V. Votes Related to ROWD and Long-term Effectiveness Assessment \* APPROVED \***

Jon Van Rhyn reviewed the ongoing efforts of two subcommittees to coordinate the Copermittees' Report of Waste Discharge and long-term assessment of program effectiveness, both of which will be submitted to the RWQCB in August 2005. He reviewed the intent and draft outline for each document and answered Copermittee questions. In short, the ROWD will examine the Copermittees' collective experiences over the past permit cycle and will present Copermittee consensus on proposed changes and improvements to stormwater programs under the new municipal permit. The long-term effectiveness assessment will supplement this effort by analyzing water quality and programmatic data over a multi-year period. The intent is to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of Copermittee programs using water quality data and a detailed characterization of priority pollutant sources. The long-term effectiveness assessment document should assist Copermittees in identifying areas where their efforts can be strengthened, redirected, or de-emphasized.

Copermittees voted unanimously to approve the following recommendations:

- ❖ Complete and submit a single Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for all of the Copermittees in August 2005.

Approval of this recommendation relieves the Copermittees of the need to submit their ROWD individually. However, all Copermittees are still responsible for participating in the development of the ROWD, including submission of requested data and information. The Copermittees' Permit Re-issuance Workgroup will oversee the completion of the ROWD.

- ❖ Include a single long-term effectiveness assessment as part of the Copermittees' August 2005 the Report of Waste Discharge.

Approval of this recommendation relieves Copermittees of the need to conduct long-term effectiveness assessments as part of their January 2005 JURMP and WURMP Annual Reports. However, all Copermittees are still responsible for participating in the development of the effective assessment, including submission of requested data and information. They are also responsible for completing annual effectiveness assessments consistent with Permit requirements as part of their January 2005 Annual Reports. The Copermittees' Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup will oversee the completion of this work product.

- ❖ Authorize the County and the City of San Diego to apply up to \$77,405 of available Copermittee shared funds toward the development of the Copermittees' first long-term effectiveness assessment. Development of final scopes-of-work, and contracting of applicable work products, will be subject to the review and approval of the Copermittees' Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup.

Funds will be derived from the following sources:

Amount	Source
\$22, 404.51	Left over from FY 1999-2000 and FY 2000-01 regional monitoring programs
\$30,000	Unspent funds for FY 02-03 TIE work
\$25,000	Estimated savings from FY 03-04 annual monitoring report

TOTAL = \$77,405

It is also anticipated that additional funding in an amount currently expected not to exceed \$50,000 will be requested at the Copermittees' January 2005 Management Committee meeting. Since this will most likely involve the commitment of funding from the Copermittees' FY 05-06 budget, a request cannot be made until approved by the Copermittees' Budget Workgroup.

## **VI. Workgroup Updates**

WURMP Workgroup – Joe DeStefano, County of San Diego, indicated that the WURMP Workgroup would meet immediately following the Management Committee from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The topic for discussion will be coordinating responses to RWQCB comments on the January 2004 WURMP Annual Reports.

SUSMP Workgroup – No update was provided for the SUSMP Workgroup.

Monitoring Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup has been busy with two major tasks: 1) developing a budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year, and 2) preparing recommendations for changes to the monitoring program under the next permit cycle (these recommendations will be part of the Report of Waste Discharge). The Monitoring Workgroup next meets on December 14, 2004 at the City of San Diego's MetroBiosolids conference room (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.). The Dry Weather Monitoring Sub-workgroup is also active. The next meeting is on February 16, 2005 at a location to be determined.

Outreach Workgroup – Marsha Cook, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Outreach Workgroup will request \$40,000 for use towards billboards, newspaper ads, and/or other media during FY 2005-06. Robin Rivet has been hired as the IPM Program Coordinator for the PRISM Grant. Ms. Rivet is a Master Gardener and has professional landscape experience. Also, as part of the PRISM grant, first-flush monitoring was completed in Chollas Creek. Copermittees are working with the RWQCB on possibly monitoring for an additional pesticide (maybe malathion). Additional work is ongoing to develop IPM public service announcements and promotional items. Finally, participants in the Outreach Workgroup discussed holding some refresher trainings for municipal staff (possibly later sessions for police, fire fighters, and fleet shop managers). The idea is to compare notes on what works and what doesn't and to look at how inspections are tracked and information gathered. The idea received general support from Copermittees in attendance.

The next meeting of the Outreach Workgroup will be on January 11, 2005 at the City of San Marcos (10 a.m. – noon).

BMP Workgroup – Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, provided the update. The Workgroup has taken the lead on developing a standardized approach to the Effectiveness Assessment for Existing Development Components (Industrial, Commercial, Residential, and Municipal). Much of this work builds on elements already completed by the Copermittees, including the following:

- ❖ Developing minimum BMPs for each Existing Component
- ❖ Disseminating the BMP information to businesses and residences
- ❖ Verifying implementation (inspections, site visits, surveys)

The workgroup has also determined that assessment components should generally be divided across the following outcome levels:

- ❖ Levels 1 – 3 by individual Copermittees
- ❖ Levels 4 – 6 are best addressed on a Regional Level since quantitative water quality results are gathered by watershed.

The Workgroup concluded that some reworking of existing information and standardization of evaluation criteria (inspection, visit or survey questions) is indispensable to make a Level 4 assessment possible.

These concepts will continue to be discussed through the Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup. Once completed, this process should not remove the flexibility of each Copermittee to maintain and adapt their current programs.

Permit Re-issuance Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup continues to meet monthly to discuss an outline and general direction for the Report of Waste Discharge. To date, meetings have addressed fairly broad issues, but will increasingly be focused on specific program components. Every attempt will be made to engage key members of affected industries and environmental groups in this process. The next meeting of the Permit Re-issuance Workgroup will be held concurrently with the Industrial Environmental Association's annual conference on December 2, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Long-Term Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup - Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup did not meet in October, but will meet again on December 9, 2004 at the County offices in Kearny Mesa (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.). The focus of discussion will be on further developing a scope of work for completion of the Copermittees' joint long-term effectiveness assessment.

**VII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2004 at the City of Poway.